Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 1. Pattanchery
2. Kodakara
3. Nadamel
4. Lokamaleswaram
5. Chelakkara.
6. Choondal
7. Methala

(*b*) The members of the respective Panchayats are ex-officio members and four others are nominated by the Government for a period of two years.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) List placed on the Council table.

FOREST EXCLUSIONS FROM MULLURKKARA—ASSIGNMENT OF

35. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the extent of forest exclusions and porambokes in the Mullurkkara village, Talappalli taluk;

(*b*) whether there have been any applications for assignment of sites from these lands in 1116;

(*c*) if so, from whom and for what purpose?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) Forest exclusions 10·74 acres.
Porambokes 1119·50 acres.

(*b*) No applications have been received so far in 1116.

(*c*) Does not arise.

KERALAKALAMANDALAM—ASSUMPTION OF MANAGEMENT

36. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the terms on which the management of the Kerala Kalamandalam has been assumed by Government;

(*b*) the number of appointments made by Government in the Kerala Kalamandalam; and

(*c*) the community or communities from which the appointments mentioned in sub-clause (b) have been made?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) The management was handed over to Government on

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condition that Government are agreeable to run the Kerala Kalamandalam in accordance with the governing objects and ideals of the institution.

(*b*) Four.

(*c*) All from among Nayars.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* With reference to answer (*c*), May I know the reason why only Nayars have been appointed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice. I have not had the opportunity of scrutinising the grounds on which they were appointed. But I know some were there when the Kalamandalam was taken over by the Government.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* My question is with reference to the new appointments made by Government. I was particular about that point.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether it was within the purview of the Staff Selection Board to make these appointments?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I mean the administrative staff—not the actors and the dancers.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Neither.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether the Government have any objection to bring all these appointments within the purview of the Board?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In future?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Yes, in future at least.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is stated that the whole scheme is under scrutiny by the Government.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know with reference to the appointments already made, irrespective of the reasons, whether the Government will be pleased to compensate these four numbers in the appointments by the Staff Selection Board? I expect an answer.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is a point which has to be considered.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Hon'ble Member for Education said that the whole scheme is subjected to further scrutiny by Government. It seems that the allotment for the Kalamandalam comes under the General Budget. Suppose this Council throws away that allotment or cuts a substantial portion of it. Will the Government accept it?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I think it is far too early to consider what would be the case in the eventuality of the whole budget being thrown out.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* In the matter of employment of artists, are they going to place the matter before the Staff Selection Board?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* We don't want actors on the administrative side *(Laughter).*

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know who are the four appointees.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The names are given in answer to the next question.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know for what purpose was this Kalamandalam taken up by Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I do not exactly know the reason. But many of the educational institutions have been assumed by Government with a view to their better conduct. I suppose the same applies to this question also.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുണ്ണൻകുട്ടി: ഇതിന്ന ഒര്ു എയിഡ്ു് കൊടുത്താൽ മതിയായിരുന്ന എന്നാകായ്ും ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ആലോചിച്ചില്ലെ ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ു് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: സാധാരണയായി ഇതുമാതിരിയുള്ള സ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾം ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു് ഏറെറടുക്കുമ്പോൾം അതു് വേറെ മാതിരി ആകാമായിരുന്നില്ലെ എന്നു് ചോദ്യമുണ്ടാകും.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Was not this Kalamandalam a registered society?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I said that in reply to a question yesterday.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: കലാമണ്ഡലത്തിൽ നിന്ന ലേഡിസ്സു് പെക്ുഷൻ എടുത്തുകളഞ്ഞു എന്ന പറയുന്നതിൽ വല്ല വാസ്തവവുമുണ്ടോ ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* As far as I know there has been no such change.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the question that this kind of institutions are not the proper ones for the direct management of Government?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Any considered view which the House wishes to express on this question will receive the Government's utmost consideration. That is all I could say at this stage.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether there was any representation from the public that this institution must be assumed by Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Not that I know of.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know whether it is after the request by the public that so many other institutions have been taken over by Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In some cases the requests were from the public and in some other cases from the management.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the ladies section in the Kalamandalam was taken away with the knowledge of Hon'ble Member for Education? Now there are no ladies there.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* If ladies refuse to come in, it is not our fault.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* If ladies refuse to come in to the institution under the management of Government it shows that the ladies have no confidence in the Government *(Laughter).*

37. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Kerala Kalamandalam, Cheruthuruthi, the management of which was assumed by Government as per G. P. P-3-5211/16, dated 4th April, Public & Political Department, is at present under the Devaswam Department;

(*b*) whether it has been transferred to the control of the Director of Public Instruction;

(*c*) if answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, a copy of the Government Proceedings ordering such transfer of control may be printed and placed on the table of the House;

(*d*) Whether an Advisory Committee mentioned in para 2 of the proceedings referred to above has been constituted;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, when was such

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committee constituted; who are the members; what were the reasons in selecting those members;

(*f*) if answer to (*d*) is in the negative, why did the Government not constitute the committee;

(*g*) the names, qualifications, pay of the persons who were appointed to the staff (1) Administrative Section, (2) Kathakali section and (3) Dancing section (the dates of appointment of each may also be given);

(*h*) whether the persons appointed to the staff were given their pay after the assumption of management by Government; if so, the dates on which pay was disbursed to them;

(*i*) to which Budget head were the amounts spent on account of the pay of the staff of the Kalamandalam debited;

(*j*) whether Government are in possession of the inventory of all the properties belonging to the Kalamandalam; if so, that may kindly be placed on the table of the House;

(*k*) whether a set of rules and regulations for the conduct of teachers and pupils, etc., required in para 6 of the G. P. referred to above has been made; if so, that may be kindly placed on the table of the House;

(*l*) whether the Art Director is residing in the Kalamandalam premises?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) A copy of the order is placed on the Council Table.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No reply is necessary.

(*f*) As the whole scheme is to be subjected for further scrutiny, Government thought that it was too premature to constitute an Advisory Committee.

(*g*) (1) Administrative Section.

	Name	*Qualification*	*Pay Rs.*
a.	M. Balakrishna Menon, Superintendent	B.A., B.L.	80
b.	K. K. Sivarama Menon, Typist-clerk	School Final	20—25

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	Name	*Qualification*	*Pay Rs.*
c.	K. Sankaran Nayar, Peon	Qualification necessary for performing duties of a peon in an office. He was before a peon of Kalamandalam	10
	(2) Kathakali & (3) Dancing Sections.		
a.	Vallathol Narayana Menon, Art Director	Organiser and Founder-President of Kalamandalam	
		Honorarium	65
		House allowance	10

(*h*) Yes. Pay was disbursed to the Staff; Medam pay on 24th Edavam and Edavam pay on the 13th Mithunam.

(*i*) The expenses are for the present debited to a separate Personal Deposit Account "Kerala Kalamandalam"

(*j*) Government have in possession an inventory of the properties. It was taken after Government had assumed management. An inventory list is placed on the table.

(*k*) A set of rules and regulations has been drawn up by the Superintendent, Kerala Kalamandalam, and it is being scrutinised.

(*l*) No.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have to spend more amounts on account of this institution by the transfer of management from the Devaswam Department to the Education Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* If the institution continued to be part of the Devaswam Department, of course, in the sense that expenditure will not have to be incurred from public revenues, that will have to be so. If the hon'ble member wants to know by his question whether expenditure has been increased by its transfer from the Devaswam Department to the Education Department I say there is no such thing.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* It is now debited to the general revenues?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* According to the former scheme, only half the expenditure on this institution had to be debited to the general revenues. That was the original idea.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Did Government know what will be the approximate assets and liabilities of this institution at the time they took charge of it?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know what the liabilities of this institution?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice. I had given that yesterday in answer to another question.

Mr. President: According to the list supplied by them, it is in the vicinity of Rs. 5,000. The assets will be over Rs. 70,000.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* And actual cash?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Over and above some amount, there is something in securities and promissory notes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It is said that the Nilambur Raja owes some Rs. 75,000 to this institution?

Mr. President: Not even half of that amount.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether, before assuming management of the institution, Government made any enquiry with regard to the scope and chances of realization of the assets of this institution.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the number of pupils who are there in the Kalamandalam learning the arts?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* There used to be 6 or 7. I have not got the latest figures with me.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Now that the Hon'ble President has remarked that Government have made investigations with regard to that matter, may I know what the chances of realization of these amounts are?

Mr. President: Though it is not usual for Presidents to answer questions, because I was in charge of that section as Secretary to Government, I can say that the exact amount that can be realised will be about Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 50,000.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are there bad debts?

Mr. President: Apart from that.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* The Hon'ble Member for Education was remarking that by the transfer from the Devaswam to the Education Department Government will have to contribute more.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* That is according to the new scheme.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, what are the reasons for incurring such additional expenditure?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)* There is no question of any additional expenditure. If the hon'ble member wants to know the reasons for the transfer I can give him those reasons. The reason for the transfer of the institution is obvious on the very face of it. Because the very name of the institution denotes under which department it should be worked.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Devaswam Department is conducting schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* At present it is footing a bill for two vedic schools, that is all.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether in the Administration Report of the Devaswam Department mention has not been made of the encouragement given by the Devaswam Department for fine arts and other things? Therefore this is a matter that should come under the Devaswam Department.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know the reasons that prompted the Government to place it under the Devaswam Department in the first instance? Is there no answer?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* No answer.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know whether the Government are convinced that their policy has been wrong?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* In what?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* In placing it under the Devaswam Department.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* That is obvious. Because it has corrected itself.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* There were only about 6 pupils at the time of taking over the management. May I know the strength of the pupils at present? Are there more than 6 now?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I am very sorry I cannot give the hon'ble member the information which he wants, because even admissions were in the sort of a flux. There were many questions under consideration, like the payment of T.A., the question of stipends and so on. All these questions have not yet been definitely decided. Therefore, even with regard to the admission, there has been a certain amount of hesitation.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I have found a lump provision of about Rs. 7,000 made in the budget towards the Kalamandalam. May I know how many are the students going to be benefited by this Rs. 7,000?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The number will be definitely few.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know what was the reason for the delay in the disbursement of pay to the officers who were appointed in the Kalamandalam as is evident from the answer?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Because we had to find funds, we had to find the proper head to which the expenditure should be debited. As the hon'ble member is aware it ought to have been paid by the Devaswam Department. Because there was a change of department by the transfer, they also could not disburse the pay. A proper head had to be discovered and money transferred to the proper head. Then there was also the question of the drawing officer.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know what the Hon'ble Member means by the term "drawing officer"?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* For instance the Devaswam Commissioner ought to have drawn the salary from the funds at his disposal. Unfortunately for them just before the time of drawing the bill the management was transferred to another department. There was no specific provision out of which the Director could disburse the salary to these people. So, money had to be transferred first to the proper head or rather a new head had to be found out. Again money had to be drawn on new bills. All these caused delay.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether it is correct and proper to pass orders transferring institutions without issuing orders regarding the budget heads to

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which the pay and other charges on account of such institutions are to be debited?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* Absolutely nothing irregular in that.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* You pass an order to change the management of the institution. There is no provision made and no direction given to the Finance Department to which head the expenditure on this account should be debited. What was the hurry in passing orders like that?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* There was no hurry. The order came to be passed in due course. There was an idea of contribution from the Devaswam Department. We thought that this is not an institution that should be conducted by the Devaswam Department. Once the Government came to this final conclusion, the only other alternative open to the Government was to meet the entire amount from the general revenues. The proper head to which such an expenditure should be debited was found to be the Education Department. By that time the Devaswam Commissioner had transferred a portion of the income of the institution to the personal deposit account from which he could draw. The moment the Devaswam Commissioner ceased to be the administrator of this institution he could not touch that money. We had to ascertain how much money was left and that money had to be changed to the control of the Director of Public Instruction according to the later orders. All these took a few days' time. We can't but have some time to get over these things. Because the Treasury Officers have first of all to be addressed to find out the balance on a particular day and that amount alone could be intimated to the Director of Public Instruction to draw upon. It is a personal deposit account just like a current account in a bank. The Director cannot draw moneys as he can in the case of the education budget. No bill for establishment charges can be got cashed. That is the difficulty. Therefore, there was no hurry and orders were passed in due course.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Was the Education Advisory Committee consulted in this affair?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I do not think the Advisory Committee was sitting at the time.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Should not the Government have called for the Advisory Committee to meet and their views also ascertained?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* All important matters are placed before the Advisory Committee. We always do that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know the lowest number of pupils that is insisted on before giving recognition by the Education Department ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I think, the Hon'ble Member is not aware of the difficulties with regard to institutions like this. Probably to teach one man you may require six teachers here. That is the unfortunate position. Because there is variety of instruments to be used there should be a number of teachers necessary to coach up one or two pupils irrespective of the number on the rolls. Irrespective of the number of pupils you have to keep the minimum number of teachers.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether there are more teachers in the institution than the students ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Before admission I think it was so.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the number of students will increase in future ?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* It depends upon the response which the public give to this matter. How can Government know how many would come to learn *kathakali*, etc. ?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Are the Government satisfied that there is public need for this institution to be encouraged ? That is the question that arises.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* To encourage what ?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Kalamandalam.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Kalamandalam is not an art *(Laughter)*.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I understand that. I mean the art that is taught in the Kalamandalam.

MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—ADMISSIONS

38. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to give the following particulars with regard to the admissions this year (1941) to Junior Intermediate and

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